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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 466
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mack Pinkelton of
Pulaski.

WHEREAS, Mack Pinkelton of Pulaski has departed from this life for a far better
existence; and

WHEREAS, he was born on March 18, 1918 to Albert Ross and Alma Cooper Pinkelton;
and

WHEREAS, Mack Pinkelton knew the meaning of hard work, and he always championed
the right causes, and fought for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, a student at Rose Hill and Campbellsville Schools, he completed his
education at Martin College; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mack Pinkelton realized the importance of spreading the
Gospel through one's everyday activities; and

WHEREAS, during his august tenure as a preacher, he described how he was called to
promote the word of Christ: "The devil chased me around that brush pile. On one side I would
feel the devil saying 'you can't', on the other side a very reassuring voice saying 'you can'"; and

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WHEREAS, he began his meritorious service as a Man of God by preaching from the Book of John, Chapter 15, in his home church, Rose Hill Free Will Baptist; and

WHEREAS, Mack Pinkelton pastored at dozens of churches, and established himself as a Christian radio personality on WKSR radio; and

WHEREAS, he was renowned for his excellent work in Christian ministry, heading revivals and baptizing scores of new worshippers; he carried the same Bible in his pocket for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, his numerous talents had been rewarded by his receipt of the Citizen of the Year Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1980; and

WHEREAS, he married his wife Maggie during the Depression, and credited her with greatly assisting him in his lifetime mission in Christ; and

WHEREAS, the couple had three children, Jimmy, Brenda and Nancy, who were subsequently baptized and married by their father; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected funeral director, Mr. Pinkelton ministered to both African Americans and whites, providing words of comfort and counseling to Baptists, Mormons, Catholics, Presbyterians, and atheists alike; and

WHEREAS, Mack Pinkelton was an exemplary citizen who is worthy of the highest praise and utmost respect; he was also an avid coon hunter; and

WHEREAS, Mack Pinkelton always focused on the good within individuals; he stated: "There is always something good that one can say about an individual if you look long enough", and

WHEREAS, the sterling legacy Mack Pinkelton leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by his friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, even as we mourn the irreplaceable loss of Mack Pinkelton, we must give thanks that his fellow worshippers of Christ benefited so greatly from his experience, his probity and expertise, his generosity and compassion, and his unwavering commitment to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to express our gratitude for the bountiful life of Mack Pinkelton. As we honor his memory, we also remember with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the people to whom he ministered the Word of God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and extend our condolences to Mr. Pinkelton's family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Pinkelton family with this final clause omitted from such copy.